



**The Town of Hilton Head Island
U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee
Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 4:00 p.m.
BENJAMIN M. RACUSIN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AGENDA**

**As a courtesy to others please turn off/silence ALL mobile devices during the Meeting.
Thank You.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. FOIA Compliance** - Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Hilton Head Island.
- 3. Approval of Minutes – November 22, 2019**
- 4. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Discussion of Alternatives in Corridor
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Chairman's Comments
 - b. Public Comment
- 6. Adjournment**



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U.S. 278 Gateway Corridor Committee

Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Benjamin M. Racusin Council Chambers

MEETING MINUTES

Present From the Committee: David Johnson, Jr., *Chairman*; Frank Babel, Alex Brown, Tom Crews, Craig Forrest, Hannah Horne, Tom Peeples, John Taylor, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Larry McElynn, *Beaufort County Liaison*

Absent from Committee: Sarah Stewart, *Co-Chair*; Jerry Cutrer, David Lunka, Brendan Reilley, Kyle Theodore, *Members*; Marc Grant, *Hilton Head Island Liaison*; Dan Wood, *Bluffton Liaison*; Palmer E. Simmons, *Alternate*

Present from Town Council & Town Staff: Tamara Becker, Glenn Stanford, *Town Council*; Charles Cousins, *Assistant to the Town Manager*; Shawn Colin, *Director of Community Development*; Krista Wiedmeyer, *Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. **FOIA Compliance** – Public notification of this meeting has been published, posted, and mailed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act and the Town of Hilton Head Island requirements.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. November 13, 2019

Ms. Horne moved to approve. Mr. Peeples seconded. The minutes from November 13, 2019 were approved as written.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Alternatives in the Stoney Community and Jenkins Island

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion by the Committee, moving this item until after agenda item 5(a). Mr. Babel moved, Mr. Peeples seconded. Motion to move the agenda item was approved.

Mr. Taylor gave a presentation to the Committee, showing some different variations of the original six reasonable alternatives in the Stoney Community and Jenkins Island. Mr. Taylor showed two different interpretive maps, showing the different options. With much discussion from the Committee, including some informal question and answer, Mr. Taylor ended his presentation.

5. New Business

a. Discussion of Alternatives in Corridor Between Moss Creek and Hog Island

Chairman Johnson opened the discussion asking Mr. Cousins to review the alternatives that include a full new span and the alternatives that would require refurbishing of the different bridges. The Committee discussed the pros and cons related to alternatives which included a new full span, and the alternatives related to refurbishing the bridges. Much discussion was had about the different options, and what could potentially be the best options.

Mr. Brown asked Chairman Johnson about the pros and cons list that Committee has been working on. He asked if the Committee would be reviewing these items against the Guiding Principles. Chairman Johnson made note of the item, stating that could certainly be discussed.

b. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Johnson reported about the different community presentations he had made and would be forthcoming. He specifically discussed his visit with Mr. Forrest to Sun City Hilton Head. Chairman Johnson stated that the questions that came from this group, were not unlike most.

5. New Business (cont.)

c. Public Comments

Members of the general public addressed the committee making comments with their pros and cons for consideration.

Mr. Brown asked Chairman Johnson about a memo that was provided to the Committee regarding the intersection at Squire Pope. He asked if there could be further discussion related to the memo, and perhaps temporary solutions to mitigate the potential issues. Chairman Johnson answered that the memo was drafted by Town staff for informational purposes. He said that if there were questions specific to the memo, there would be time to discuss it at a later meeting.

6. Adjournment – The meeting concluded and was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Krista Wiedmeyer, Exec. Assistant/Town Clerk

Approved: 12/03/2019

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CURRENT US 278 ROUTE 1-4

PROS

CONS

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS

- 1. Less physical environmental impact
- 2. This is the most manageable
- 3. Likely less costly
- 4. Opportunities to come up with creative solutions for mitigation
- 5. Corridor already exists
- 6. No left-hand turns going westbound or only at "key" locations
- 7. Fewer Property owners impacted?
- 8. Transmission infrastructure remains in place

- 1. Less flex. In property owners to use their land
- 2. No left-hand turns going westbound or only at "key" locations
- 3. Impact economic ops.
- 4. Alternative to current causeway
- 5. Potential emergency bypass
- During construction, impact to businesses

IMPACTS THROUGH THE JENKINS ISLAND AREA TO STONEY

- 1. No relocation of the utility easement/utilities
- 2. Safe off-road bike/walking path
- 3. Less physical environmental impact
- 4. Likely less costly
- 5. Construction could potentially take less time?

- 1. EB coming on the island off the bridge, line of sight issue
- 2. Impacts to the WM Harbour entrance
- 3. Consume a good portion of the median
- 4. If the County's road improvement plan is taken into consideration, impedes the free-flow of traffic
- 5. Failure to include a grade-separated interchange
- 6. Impacts to traffic during construction
- 7. During construction, impact to businesses
- 8. Access to Jenkins Isl. Cemetery

POWERLINE ROUTE - SIX LANES 5&6

PROS

CONS

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS

IMPACTS ON THE JENKINS ISLAND AREA THROUGH TO STONEY

HYBRID

PROS

CONS

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS

1. Redundant roads provided (emergency)	1. Appears to be more expensive
2. Additional opportunities created (biking, walking)	standpoint
3. Impressive introduction to HHI	3. More property owners impacted
4. "Smaller" footprint of asphalt	4. Complications for Old Wild Horse Road, Squire Pope, Gum Tree
	5. Impacts on wetlands
	6. Longer construction period
	7. Potential impact the powerline easement
	corridor
	9. Impacts an additional group within the Stoney Community
	10. Potential impact on the northern portion of the Island
	11. Creation of additional route along with the existing route dual impact
	12. Could impact future potential park(s) on the northend
	13. Introduces sig. traffic into an area where it does not exist & and would introduce a flyover onto the Island, in a residential area

BRIDGES

PROS

CONS

FULL NEW SPAN

1. Useful life of 75 years, with all required safety requirements
2. Limited impact to existing traffic during construction
3. Potentially less costly?
4. Potential opportunity to repurpose existing bridge(s) (evac, emergency use, ped/bike use, etc.)
5. Offers more opportunity for "Gateway Statement"

1. Risk of SCDOT building a "massive" bridge
2. Risk to public safety if the bridge is closed
3. Old bridge(s) comes down
4. If old bridges come down - significant environmental impact

REFURBISH BRIDGES

1. Possibility of redundancy?

1. Larger wetlands/environmental impact at Pinckney Island underpass
2. More impact to existing traffic during construction

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IMPACTS ON ALL ROUTES

PROS

CONS

IMPACTS THROUGH THE STONEY AREA TO SPANISH WELLS

	1. Does result in noise, poor air quality, poor access and safety
	2. Neg. impact on traffic and neighborhood during construction
	3. Significant Right of way impacts
	4. Poor access between neighbors / increased loss of community
	5. Hydrology impacts

IMPACTS THROUGH THE JENKINS ISLAND AREA TO STONEY

1. Facilitates possible creative solutions	

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